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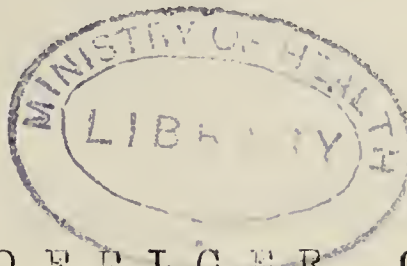
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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the



M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H

for the

Y E A R E N D I N G

31st. D E C E M B E R, 1954

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OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1954

My Lord, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my 16th. Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres).....	52,551
Registrar General's estimate of population...	9,370
Number of inhabited houses.....	2,121
Rateable Value	£50,080
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£ 197. 6. 10d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	76	72	148
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>77</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>155</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England and Wales</u>
Birth Rate	18.5	15.2
Death Rate	7.5	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.	25.8	25.5

These statistics can again be regarded as satisfactory. The Birth Rate is higher than that for England and Wales and the Death Rate is very low.

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH,</u>		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
tuberculosis respiratory		1	1
Other infective and parasitic disease		-	-
Malignant neoplasm stomach		3	1
Malignant neoplasm breast		-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms		1	4
Diabetes		-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system		3	4
Coronary disease, angina		4	1
Hypertension with heart disease		-	-
Other heart disease		6	4
Other circulatory disease		1	-
Influenza		-	-
Pneumonia		3	4
Bronchitis		2	-
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum		2	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea		-	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis		2	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate		1	-
Congenital Malformations		-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases		-	1
Motor vehicle accidents		3	-
All other accidents.		2	2
Suicide.		-	1
Total -		<u>34</u>	<u>27</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health -J. Young, M.B., Ch.B.,
D.P.H.Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - G.E.Wells, Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination, Royal Sanitary Institute Meat and Other Foods, and Certificates General Hygiene and Sanitary Engineering.

The Sanitary Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Rural District.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Faeces	-	24
Urine	-	1
Blood	-	4
Throat Swab	-	8
Ear Swab	-	3
Eggs	-	2
Milk	-	3
Water	-	50

The first of these is the fact that the
 government has been unable to raise
 sufficient funds to meet its obligations.
 This is due to a number of causes,
 including the fact that the government
 has been unable to collect its taxes
 and the fact that it has been forced
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The good,co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory service continued during the year and the assistance given has been of great value.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1954.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlett Fewer	9	-	-
Measles	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Pneumonia	8	4	1
Dysentery	5	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

There was no serious epidemic during the year.
The Scarlet Fever cases were of a mild type, all being nursed at home.
No case of Poliomyelitis occurred. I am again pleased to report that no case of Diphtheria was notified, we have not had a case in the District since 1951.

A G E G R O U P.

Disease.	Under 1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{5}{10}$	$\frac{10}{15}$	$\frac{15}{20}$	$\frac{20}{35}$	$\frac{35}{45}$	$\frac{45}{65}$	$\frac{65}{\text{ \& over.}}$
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Number of Samples taken for analysis :-		
(a)	from wells.	16
(b)	from pipe supply	34
Results from Samples taken :-		
(a)	from wells	
	- satisfactory	9
	unsatisfactory	7
(b)	from pipe supply	
	- satisfactory	20
	unsatisfactory	14

Number of wells :-		
(a)	closed.....	Nil
(b)	cleansed, repaired, etc.,	3
Number of cases in which piped supply was provided		237
Number of Parishes with piped water supply :-		
(a)	from public mains	11
(b)	from private reservoirs	7
Number of Parishes without a piped water supply....		10

When necessary in 1954, repairs were carried out to the various water undertakings owned by the Council, and a considerable number of water connections made for purposes of domestic supplies.

In the year under review the new system of water supply for the Parish of Exton which included the provision of new pumping plant and mains, was completed, and the necessary house connections made. The Regional Scheme for the supply of water from mains in the Parishes of Burley, Cottessmore, Greetham, Langham and Stretton has been commenced, and the construction of the collecting chamber at Empingham and the new Water Tower at Burley, together with the laying of the new mains, was well advanced by the end of the year. It is hoped that it will also be possible to provide for the supply of water by main to the village of Ashwell from the same source in the near future. The connecting up of the village of Manton with the Empingham supply was also carried through, and at the close of the year, water from this source was available in the Parish. The Council were also successful in reaching agreement with the owner to acquire the Elm Tree Spring near the source of the water supply provided for the Regional Scheme, and will thus be able to augment this supply against future requirements. Investigation into the possibility of providing Council's water supply in other villages was also carried out. Approval in principle has been given by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to the Council's proposed Scheme for the Parish of Tickencote.

Particulars of the supplies to the villages where the Oakham Rural District has water undertakings are as follows :-

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	<u>Piped to houses.</u>	<u>Houses supplied from stand-pipes.</u>	<u>Farm supplies.</u>
Lyndon.	28	-	1
Edith Weston.	73	-	3
Empingham.	121	35	15
Manton.	67	26	6
Market Overton.	86	24	7
Barrow.	9	11	2
Whissendine.	126	60	4
Greetham.	8	103	-
Teigh.	17	-	6
Exton.	162	-	6
Horn.	14	-	-
	<hr/> 711	<hr/> 259	<hr/> 50

Drainage and Sewerage.

Number of Cesspools constructed during the year 5
Number of Cesspools abolished during the year 1
Total number on 31st. December, 1954 375

Attention was given and repair carried out, as necessary, to the existing sewers in Langham, Market Overton and other villages during the year, and a considerable length of sewer-dyke at Brooke was piped. Arrangements for the sewerage of the village of Exton were completed, and this work is to go forward in the near future. Arrangements were also made to acquire a suitable site for the new langham sewage disposal works and pumping station when the scheme is fully approved, and I am pleased to hear that negotiations for treatment of trade effluent in that Parish have almost been completed.

Your Consulting Engineers have also given their opinion on the possibility of providing up-to-date sewerage systems in Empingham, Eggleton and Whissendine.

Control of the Woolfox Sewerage Works, built for the R.A.F. during the course of the war, was handed over to the Council.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number in the District at the end of 1954 :-

Privies 13
Pail Closets 1431
Water Closets 681

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year :-

Privies Nil
Pail Closets 4

Number of privies converted to pail closets during the year....1

THE HISTORY OF THE

Year	Month	Day	Event
1776	July	4	Declaration of Independence
1776	September	26	First meeting of the Continental Congress
1776	October	4	First battle of the Clouds
1776	November	20	Evacuation of Philadelphia
1776	December	19	Arrival at Lancaster
1776	December	31	End of the year

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Public Cleansing

Fifteen of the villages in the district - Cottesmore, Exton, Empingham, Edithweston, Langham, Market Overton, Greetham, Tickencote, Manton, Thistleton, Teigh, Whitwell, Barleythorpe and Braunston are now provided with regular collections of refuse carried out by Contractors on behalf of the Council. A partial removal is provided for Ashwell, Barrow, Whissendine, Brooke, Hambleton, Gunthorpe, Lyndon and parts of Normanton and Horn. Weekly collections of refuse are also carried out by the Contractors on behalf of the Council at the Married Quarters of the R.A.F. station at Cottesmore and the R.C.A.F. Station at Edithweston.

With the exception of Market Overton and Braunston, which have up-to-date sewerage systems, the first named thirteen villages were provided with a weekly scavenging system of night-soil also carried out by Contractors on behalf of the Council. The Council arrange for the periodical emptying of the village septic tanks at Ashwell and Cottesmore, in addition to those on the various housing sites in this district and three septic tanks at Empingham which are also emptied periodically by a Contractor.

In view of the heavy additional cost likely to be involved it has been decided to continue for the time being with the present method of scavenging by contract. An extension of the night-soil scavenging system to other villages in the district is contemplated by the Council.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report :-

Total number of complaints received	577
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	552

<u>Nature of Inspections.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Re-visits.</u>
Dwelling Houses	556	1085
Tents, Vans, etc.,	8	29
Slaughter houses	6	38
Dairies and cowsheds	2	20
Offensive trades	-	-
Animal keeping	7	17
Workshops, etc.,	24	29
Shops	29	42
Other premises	432	812
	<u>1064</u>	<u>2072</u>

The Sanitary Inspector made 1234 visits to the various parishes of the district. In addition 31 visits were made outside the District.

Notices.

Preliminary.

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding 1st. January	5	3
Issued during the year	338	171
Complied with during year	339	169
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	4	5

Statutory.

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding 1st. January	12	-
Issued during the year	7	1
Complied with during year	5	1
Statutory Action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	14	-

Shops.

29 inspections and 42 re-visits were made to shops in the district during the year and action was taken under the Shops Act in respect of the sanitary arrangements at two Shops.

Camping Sites.

Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes during the year 8
Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued 6
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area during Summer months 19
(This figure does not include the campers resident in various officially organised Agricultural and Services Camps in the District).

Regulated Buildings.

	<u>Number in District.</u>	<u>Number of Inspections.</u>
Tents, Vans, Sheds, Etc.,	8	29

During the course of 1954 the Council granted six temporary licences to owners of caravans for these to remain in the district for extended periods. At Greetham it was necessary during the early part of the year to serve a statutory notice on an owner of several caravans to secure their removal from the district. Later on during 1954, a number of caravans were parked on an adjoining site in that village and were used by personnel from a nearby aerodrome who were unable to obtain other accommodation in the district. By agreement with the owner and with the Commanding Officer of the Station, these were later removed to a site directly under the control of the Royal Air Force Authorities.

H O U S I N G.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) 556
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.... 1641
- (11) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1), above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 and Housing Survey 157

Year	Amount	Description
1870	100	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1871	200	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1872	300	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1873	400	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1874	500	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1875	600	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1876	700	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1877	800	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1878	900	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1879	1000	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1880	1100	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1881	1200	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1882	1300	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1883	1400	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1884	1500	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1885	1600	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1886	1700	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1887	1800	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1888	1900	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1889	2000	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1890	2100	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1891	2200	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1892	2300	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1893	2400	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1894	2500	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1895	2600	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1896	2700	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1897	2800	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1898	2900	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1899	3000	Jan 1st to Dec 31st
1900	3100	Jan 1st to Dec 31st

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of Mayor of the City of New York, from 1870 to 1900.

Year	Name
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(111)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	5
(1V)	Number of dwelling houses exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	345

Remedy of defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	339
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Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(1)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice under Housing Acts :-	
(a)	by owners.....	1
(b)	by Council (in default of owners carrying out work).....	Nil

(11)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	5
	By Owners	5
	By Council	Nil

(111) Proceedings under Section 12 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of the Demolition Orders	Nil
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Housing Act, Part IV. Overcrowding.

(1)	(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.....	6
	(b) Number of families dwelling therein.....	6
	(c) Number of persons dwelling therein.....	31

(11)	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	3
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(111)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	4
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(1V)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	20
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A revision of the Housing Survey figures of 1947 was commenced during the year and 157 houses inspected for this purpose. During the course of these inspections several further cases of overcrowding were detected.

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Provision of New Houses during the year.

During the year 1954, 30 houses were completed by the Council in the parishes of Braunston, Exton, Greetham and Cottesmore, and six houses were built and four buildings were converted for use by private owners. Further houses were built by the R.A.F. Authorities at Cottesmore and R.C.A.F. Authorities at Edithweston for use as Married Quarters. At the close of the year the Council had twenty-two houses at Empingham and Market Overton under construction, and six others were being erected by private owners.

The number of applicants for Council Houses on the Housing Register on the 31st. December, 1954 was 161.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Number of Dairies (not being Farm Premises) on Register.....	2
Number of inspections of premises	20
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year.....	-
Contraventions found during year	1
Contraventions remedied during year.....	1
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. Dec.	-

During the year 3 samples of milk were taken for analysis. All were found to be satisfactory. No ice cream is manufactured in this area for sale, but there are 9 premises on the Council's list from which pre-packed ice cream is sold.

Meat and Other Foods.

18 inspections were made of Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc., and 45 inspections of premises where food other than meat is kept or prepared for sale.

Following the receipt of Circular MF 5/54 concerning the de-control of meat and livestock in July 1954, inspections were made of the existing slaughterhouses in the area, and the Council decided that six of the eight buildings could be made suitable, and notices to carry out repairs and improvements were given to the owners. These alterations were executed, and in due course the six premises were licensed for purposes of slaughtering.

The usual method of disposing of condemned food in this district is by burning.

Private Slaughter Houses :-	<u>In Jan. 1954.</u>	<u>In Dec. 1954.</u>
Number registered	-	-
Number licensed	8	6

The use of two of the existing Slaughter Houses was discontinued during 1954, due in one case to the death of the proprietor and in the other to change of ownership.

Number of visits to premises other than at times of slaughter6

The Model Byelaws for the Handling and Wrapping of Food, which were adopted by the Council in 1950 have, as a general rule, been observed by the local Food Retailers.

No case of Food Poisoning was notified during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47 -
Removal to suitable premises of persons in need
of care and attention.

I am pleased to report again that no case occurred in which it was necessary to take action.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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